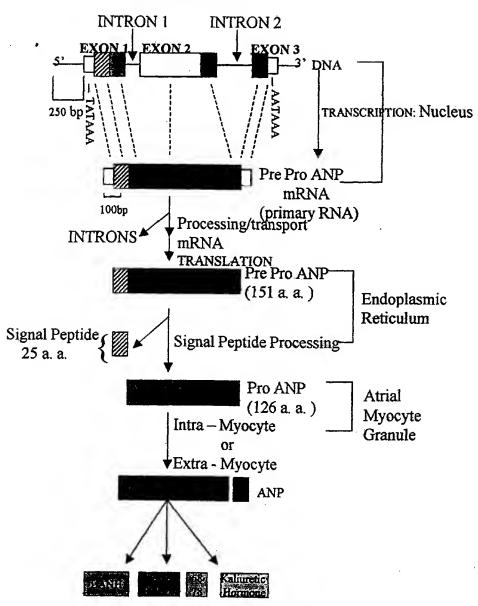
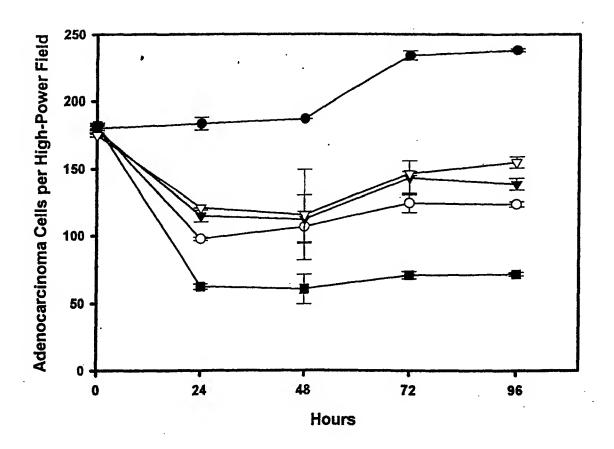
## Pro ANP Gene:



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Vessel dilator ( $\blacksquare$ ), long acting natriuretic peptide ( $\bigcirc$ , LANP), kaliuretic peptide ( $\blacktriangledown$ ), and atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP,  $\triangledown$ ) compared to control ( $\bullet$ ) adenocarcinoma cells.

FIG. 3

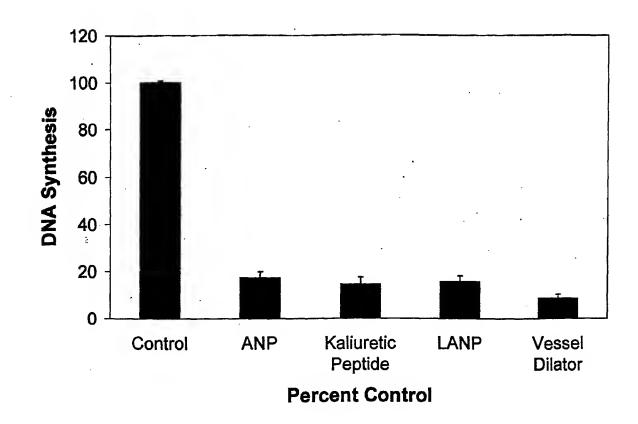


FIG. 4

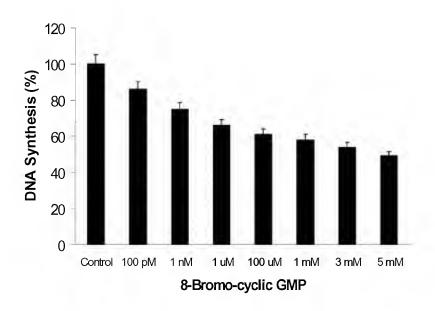


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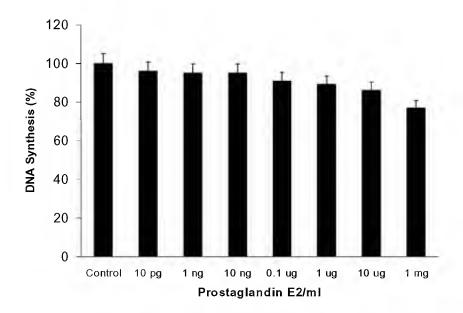


FIG. 6

Four peptide hormones effects on mediators of apoptosis.

		Control	<u>LANP</u>	Vessel <u>Dilator</u>	Kaliuretic <u>Peptide</u>	ANP_
Caspases	9	+	+	+	+	+
	3	+	+	+	+	+
	7	+	+	+	+	+
Cleaved	9	+	+	+	+	+
Caspases	3	+	+	+	+	+
	7	+	+	+	+	+
PARP		+	+	+	+	+
Cleaved PARP		+	+	+	+	+

LANP = long acting natriuretic peptide, ANP = atrial natriuretic peptide, PARP = poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase

Graded 0 to ++++, with ++++ being the strongest staining observed. This table illustrates that basal caspase activity was low (+) and not significantly enhanced in the pancreatic adenocarcinoma cells by any of the peptide hormones at their  $1\mu M$  concentrations when examined by repeated analysis of variance.

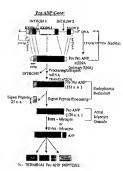
FIG. 7

Step 1



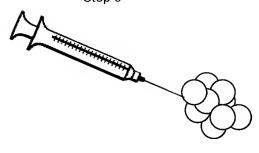


Step 2





Step 3





Step 4

